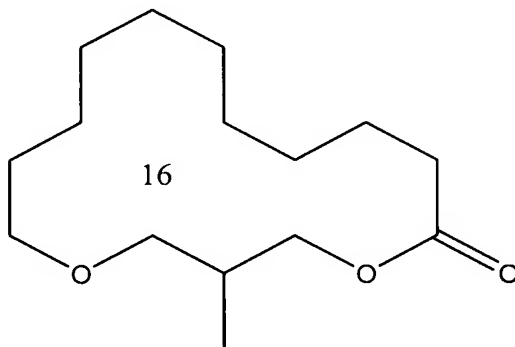


IN THE CLAIMS

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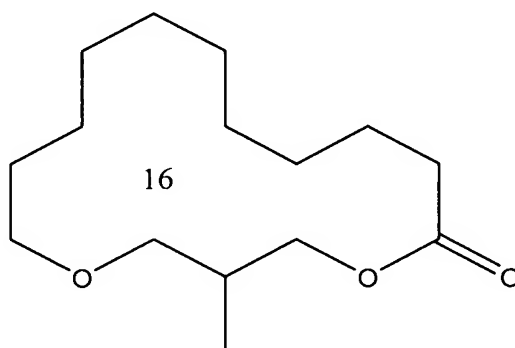
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An ether lactone of ~~general structure~~ formula (I)



(I)

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Fragrance compositions having a content of said A~~
fragrance composition comprising an ether lactone of formula (I)



(I)

wherein said compound (I) being ether lactone is present in an amount of 1 to 70% by weight, based on the entire composition.

Claim 4 (New): The fragrance composition according to claim 3, comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of essential oils, alcohols, plant extracts, aldehydes, ketones, esters, ethers, lactones differing from the ether lactone of formula (I), sandal wood fragrances, indole, p-menthane-8-thiol-3, methyleugenol, and methylantranilate.